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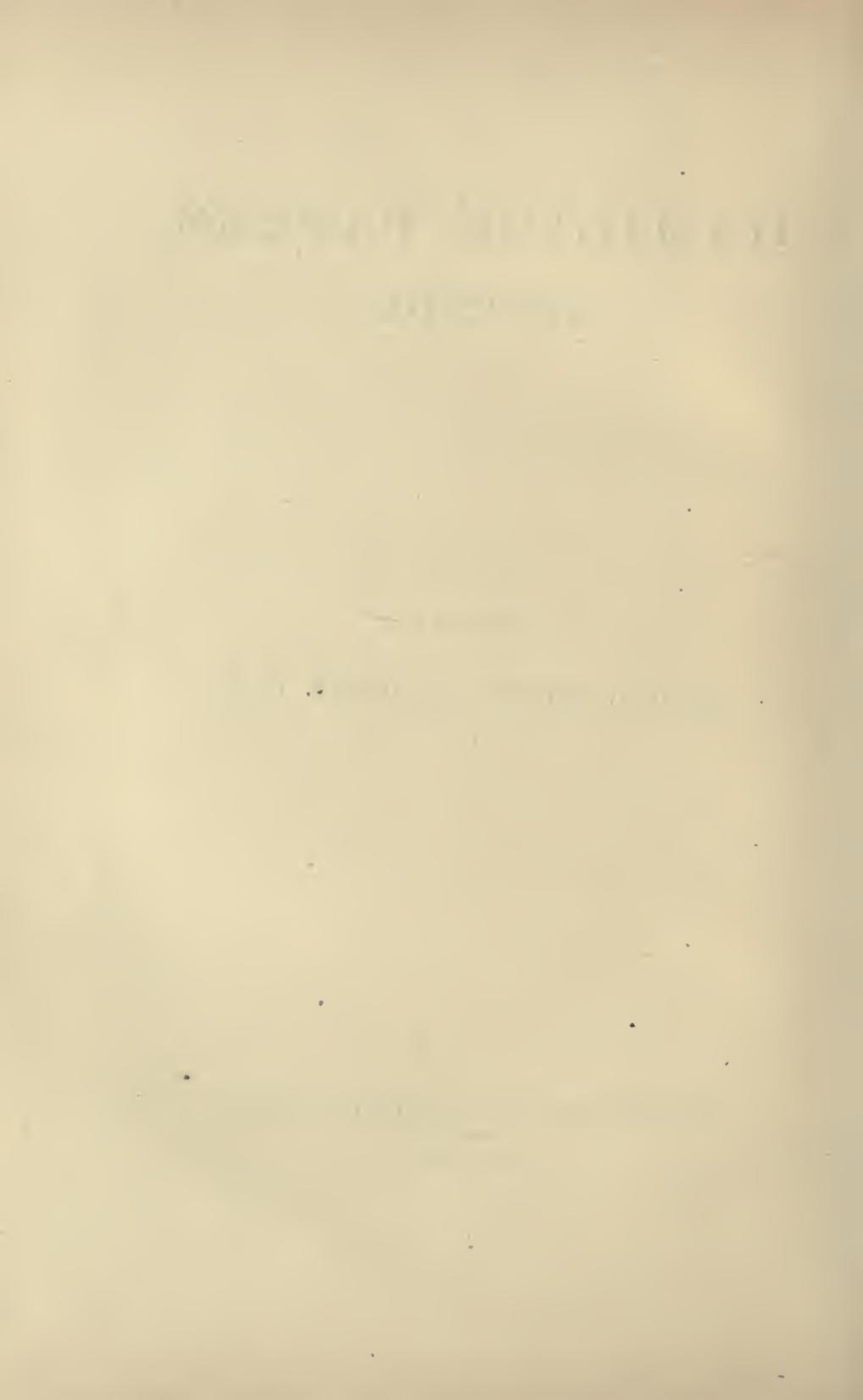
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PREFACE.

THE following are the greater part of the letters which I was unable to copy, when I prepared the volume of the Hamilton Papers for the Camden Society. Most of them are to a great extent in cipher, the deciphers being enclosed in square brackets. I succeeded in deciphering these passages by the help of other ciphered letters accompanied with the deciphers in the collection of the Duke of Hamilton, which I was allowed to see some years ago with the sanction of His Grace and the kind permission of Sir W. Fraser, who at that time had charge of the papers. Only four or five of the letters forming part of Lanark's correspondence in 1648 are omitted, as I had no clue to the cipher in which they were written.

If some of the phrases used by the writers are still unintelligible, this is probably owing for the most part to mistakes made by the writers in committing them to cipher. If some of them are due to myself I can but plead that a very short time was allowed me for making the copies, and that I have not since had it in my power to collate my copies with the originals.



HAMILTON PAPERS.

ADDENDA.

1. MUNGO MURRAY TO THE EARL OF LANARK.

MY LORD,

Jan. the 10, 1648.

[Sur William Fleminge is to be dispacht with]in to or thre days; for the Queen and Prince is to be at Paris this day. Sir John Barklay, who is governor to the Prince is to go from this to Holland and some other of the Deukes^a servants. [The ship that Sir William comes in is to go with the Loutenante of Irland.]^b Sir William [is to reseve amunition, armes, and monies.] I hope that [greate and noble worke you have in hand may not stope upon the expectasian of that, nor the Prince his cominge to you]. They [would lever [?] hav the worke —? ^c withoute you] for whill ther is one other [houpes you will fynde delayes]. What I have writen to your Lo: heirtofore yow may belive and so that I am

1648, Dec. 31.
Jan. 10.

Your Lo^p humble and
faithfull servant

It is preste harde heir to have Latherdael.

* * * *

2. MUNGO MURRAY TO THE EARL OF LANARK.

My Lo.,

Jan. the 17, 1648.

Sir William Fleminge went from hence the 15, and [is gon 1648, Jan. 17.

^a The Duke of Hamilton.

^b The Marquis of Ormond.

^c The cipher appears to give "one."

to Ancardam^a whar he iis to requve^b sum erms^c and amoniseon and mone^d when [?] they [?] have it,] and not know whar els to bestow it, and so [shal you have the Prince when they know not whar els to sende him. I most say that [my Lorde Newcastle] and the Louetenant of Irlande [profeses mouch to you, and famaly, and nesyon.^e] The feu clarge^f we have heir ar as beter againe yow and the whole nation, as your own unhape^g clerge and profeses that they rather have the indepent^h prevell then yow. I have often wret to your Lo: and ons mor lat me take the freedom to tell yow [that it mouch concerns you and the whol nesyon to provyde is] that you may be habell to stond upon your own laygesⁱ]. They mouch pres to have mones^j heir for the Prince removal, bot hes mani delays put upon them. The Queen and Prince ar both heir and is resolved [the Prince to go to Cales when and wher from thence as occasion shal ofer] I shall humbly wish your Lo: to be sparinge in your opinion of the disposal of the Prince in ane sorte whatsoever. We have great houpes heir that Kente and the asosiat Countes will doe the bisenes without yow (God grant it may be done) but it will not be weill for yow if yow have no hand in it. I often wrette to your Lo. I know not if they cum to your handes.

3. LORD DIGBY TO THE EARL OF LANARK.^k

My LORD,

1648, Jan. ?

I have received from [my brother Dives,]^l and from [my secrea-

^a Amsterdam.

^b Receive.

^c Arms.

^d Money.

^e Nation.

^f Clergy.

^g Unhappy.

^h Independents.

ⁱ Legs.

^j Monies.

^k The Scottish Commissioners, of whom Lanark was one, left London on Jauuary 24.

^l Sir Lewis Dyves, half-brother of Lord Digby.

tarie who waited on you at London] an accompt of such noble 1648, Jan. ? expressions of yours concerning us, notwithstanding those misfortunes that with a lesse just and generous nature might have exposed me to lasting prejudices, that I am encouraged by them to make this addresse unto you of my most humble service and acknowledgements; noe way doubting, but that, since you are pleased to admitt of so faire an interpretacion of what reall I ever esteemed the greatest unhappinesse of my life (I meane the part what I was necessitated to beare in some disservice to you and your noble brother) nowe that [wee are united in publick interests]^a as to lett you and him see by my constant faithfulness, and zeale to your service how unnatural and forced a motion any thing was in mee to the contrary of what becomes

My lord

Your most humble and

most affectionate servant

6, 2, 7, 10, 41, 20, 31, 40, 13.

4. ————— TO THE EARL OF LANARK.

MY LORD,

Your expressions highly endeare and might if possible make 1648, Feb. 11. mee more yours: at this time there is nothing of moment to give you any informations of. The Generall dines this day at the Tower, where I believe some results wilbe about the Citty: what you shall know by my next. The busines wee whisper'd about I am in hope may succeed. I sent a messenger thereabout, and with probable instructions for the accomplishment: and since it is more then a weeke and noe returne made, I conceive it well takes as to the project, and desire the continued conjunction of your prayers as to the successe, having soe little of consequence at present to write, I shall referr my enlargement

^a Something is omitted in this involved sentence.

1648, Feb. 1st. in it to the next opportunity, against when I shall doubtlesse be furnished with abundance (and if expectations with eminent wishes faile not) of pleasing newes. I am and shall to the highest manifestations I am capabl of appear

My Lord

Your Lo^{ps}

most humble servt.

409.

February the first
1647.

As I was sealing up this, my messenger brought this inclosed and assurance things goe well in the whisper'd businis, but not a word thereof for your love sake.

I had an other w^{ch} I delivered to your wife concerning my father.

5. JAMES FENNE TO EDWARD EDGAR.

Feb. the 3, 1647.

1647, Feb. 3rd.

I presume you^a that have we goode intelligence will not care for what falleth beside the cuppe, for mine is of noe more consequence then such. Leate not to omitte servyng of you, I have sente you what, this weeke, hath beene any waies advertised to me. Abusnehag^b shall come again to the King upon a new undertaking treatye, therefore consequentelie imagine *ex ungue leonem*. The Queen [is] in greate irresolution whether [the Prince maye bee trusted with the Scots] or noe. Unlesse you will give [Germyn, Digby, et cetera,] such conditions as I believe wille neether bee thought consistent with the safetie nor honour of the future transactions; otherwise 'tis a contradiction in yt selfe, and muste consequently debauch more moderate men

^a Fenne is evidently an Englishman, and Edgar probably stands for Lanark.

^b Sic. Perhaps Ashburnham, see *Hamilton Papers*, 150.

from the service of [the Nobility of Scotland] then yt can gaine 1647, Feb. 1st.
 or pacifye the violent and unusefull. For my owne particular I confess I agree totallie with your principales, never to foment a new warre in case yt can be avoyded, but rather endeavour to comprimise all interests by treaty, because noe partye, choose w^{ch} you will of the 3, but is unsecure enough withoute yt. However, if yt bee decreede, you nor I cannot prevente yt; nor doth any thing afterwardes remaine to bee don onely to maneige yt to the best advantage with a perpetuall reflexion towarde peace and the ancient liberties of our respective countries. Theire is att this present a new entercourse of negotiation now begunne between [the Queen] and [Ireland] by [Musire's ^a] mediation, purposely to retarde [the Prince going into] Scotland, hoping by that meanes to frustrate the alliance by destroyeing the season of the confidence. All matters here continew much in the posture you lefte them, onely they bring troopes more or lesse dayelie into the Citty and doubtless meane to garrison severall greate towns that ar convenientlye [seated] for itt. The resolution of your Convention is that we all looke uppon as the guide starre of the daye, and, in the interim little will-bee publick of intentions to the future. Remember in yt the olde rule *ut paces jent integræ* and a little sacrifice the greatness and injuries of your familiye to the publick rather then obstinacye or disdaine, for unlesse there be [a general remission] of sinne in Scotland, nothing will come of all this seede; wherein even [Munrose] himselfe muste not bee omitted, though I knowe 'tis *durus sermo*. I am confident considering the tyme hee hath had to looke, and experiance of the King and Queen, will bee no harde matter to lett him see the to much fougge ^b of his former zeale; and to enclyne him altogether to the publick. These I guesse may bee considerations equaly proper whether you make warre or peace, because besides the obligation yt careeth along with yt of restoring men to there owne homes, 't will

^a Perhaps Mazarin.

^b Fougue.

1647, Feb. 1st.

bee safe and withowte w^{ch} noe other peace, but every minute will bee tottering into a warre againe. [The Westerne parts] will bee unanimously yours, if the Prince come, of w^{ch} now all my doubtes are knoweing how many officious ignorant persons there be theire have ever beene averse to the publick; and I beleieve so that [Culpeper], whoe is the oracle of that place, out of [Ash-bunams] consideration is like enough to oppose yt with all his rethorick. Yf yt happen soe, I cannot suspect then that I, whoe have ever beene a sufferer visiblye for the publick, and particullarye disgraced for avoweing I thought yt better the buisnes shoulde ende by a peace then victorye, shall bee as well looked upon as those have don noething but the contrarye, and now, as they saye in Fraunce, *sont les penitents aux abboye s de la morte*, therefore beeing happilye the negotiation maye bee further advanced from thence with you then I can have notice of att this distance, bee pleased to take care of your servant both by yr brother's meanes and your owne in that poinete, else as Cardinall d'Ossat writte to Hen. the 4 from Rome, I shall wish I had don soe toe; and holde yt rather a weakeness then vertu to bee honnest. Truely I can shew soe goode cardes upon this occasion; as if ever there bee a place of publick audience amongst you for such as I am, I will not be affrayed to laye both my complaintes and pretences upp. Take heede of Soliman's beeing carried in a litter to the fielde againste you; for every little matter giveth such an abundance of jealousie. Yt is to copious a field for soe narrowe a substance as the capacitye of man to manure as yt, w^{ch} maketh mee conclude as confusedlye as I beganne desireng speedilye to heare from you.

Your fayethfull frend ever
and humble servant,

J. FEN.

6. 499 TO THE EARL OF LANARK.

MY LORD,

[London, Feb. 10?] 1648.

Soe unworthy of you are my papers that I should not reasonably send you a second and yet they being soe, I may verie pardonably hasten another to apologize for that which went before. Besides other defects, it was much wanting in the use of the cypher, to which way of writing, I confess myself not much used. All men, my Lord, are here about at gaze, looking Northward for a better settling to their expectations, and are soe impatient of waiting for your resolves that men undertake to spread them as things already declared. Most talk wildly, and tell strange stories, bringinge your judgments to theires. Some, not without confidence assure us by diverse demonstracions, that Scotland will not discountenance the present proceeds of England: others say that Scotland will not neglect the honour and advantage of being a ballance heere; an issue to these our hopes and feares wee violently long for. And truly My Lord (but that I may seeme to favour myself by the intimation) I would have your leave to say that it will bee verie necessary some persons (whom you may have faith in) bee helped to understand at least your publick councells and transactions in which both kingdomes are concerned, by which the truth may oftentimes bee faierly vindicated from such gloss as the art of malice will studiously asperse it with. But, my lord, I am now too bold with you, and am gonn beyond the instructions given mee by 241. The varieties of this weeke have not bin many. The declaracion justifying the votes against the King^a hath spent most of it. Some apprehends it to bee a long, tedious, unsatisfactory satisfaction: wherein are enumerated all his faults and errors charged home upon his single selfe: some clauses are recommitted (or perhappes laied

1648, Feb. $\frac{1}{2}0$

^a Taken into consideration on Feb. 5, passed the House of Commons on Feb 11.

1648, Feb. $\frac{10}{12}$? by) one concerning the death of K. James, another touching the designe^a of destroying severall lords and commanders of Scotland. Tomorrow it will bee againe reported. Mr. Sadler's pen laced it together, which hath allsoe finished an answer to the Commissioner's papers. The Presbiterie is reviving and seemes to bee strongly encouraged for present satisfaction, and it is not doubted but that [Mr. Ashurst] will bee able to satisfy [their clergie] though it bee feared that [Marshall is noe more in[so]much] reputation will [them as heretofore]. Sir Jo: Maynard made the Lords merry, denied them right of judicature, refused to kneele, but as a compliment (as hee said) hee bowed as low as a Bishopp to the altar. The lords fined him,^b and gave him a further time to consider his duty. The Lords gave baile this morning for theire appearance, they being to answere, the 11th instant. [The armie] continues still in the principles for [levelling] which spread afreshe. [Soldiers are] a stomachfull. Som [Colonells are discontented.] Rich (upon the score of Sir H. Vane) is one. Sir H. Vane disclames earnestly, and [Ireton] is not pleased, though I think not on the same ground. The Lifeguard are to disband presently, but I do [?] no^c that it is to be done, so —? though no[?] Colonell Arison is not pleased: his regiment is said to be disbanded or purged as affected too much to —?^d

I have my lord troubled you too long, I shall make hast therefore to the subscription

My lord

most humble —?

and servant

^a i.e. the Incident.

^b On Feb. 5.

^c Know.

^d ? the Levellers.

7. DR. ALEXANDER FRASER TO THE EARL OF LANARK.

SIR,

Your [slow journey and the adjourning of your meeting] hath only multiplied teares and jealousies [in] cavaliers [and other persons] (ignorant and enviefull of [Scots' honour and honesty]). This day [the English Commissioners' letter there ^a reade in Parliament] in which they [assure the Parliament they have found more friends to Parliament and army then they thought to have fund. Upon] Friday last ^b at the voteing of [Parliament's] of the declaration of the Commons of England [Cromwell made a sever] invective [against King and] monarchicall government. [They sent messenger Cromwell to the Lords, that if the Lords would pass the four bills and] disclaim [Scots' assistance, they would] suppress [their declaration. The lords contemned their—^c, and] expressed [much] aversion [to army, Parliament and all that party]. Upon the return of this messenger, Parliament voted five thousand] soldiers [to go ^c King and messenger Cromwell to be one of the Lords in bedechamber, and it is confidently beleived that [upon ^d Cromwell will march] furthwith [with the best part of his horse and foot to the North, and if they] posseesse Beruic and Carlil, your part will ^e] small and of no consideration. I much apprehend [that] some ^f of [your great Lords] in his wonted perplexed way looks here and in France] to perswade the Queen that [no] considerable action [can be] expected [from Scotland unless Argyll be the head of party] acting [for the King in Scotland, and] powerfull person [is despatched to Queen with instructions for that purpose. I assure your Lordship that there is underboard dealin]: the

^a i.e.. the letter of the English Commissioners in Scotland. See C. J., v. 462.

^b Febr. 11.

^c ? to guard.

^d ? upon this.

^e ? will be.

^f ? some one.

1648, Feb. 25. particulars you may have [from a friend] That monster of follie and knaverie (Disington^a) is come from France, who] openly professes [that P. of Wales hath no desire] nor affection [to come to Scotland] and [looks to] perswade and assure [Parliament that France will not part with P. of Wales,] with manie other things [of treasonable nature, of which] you shall heare more fully [when I shall] discover [the design] ; till with tyme [I shall] give [intelligence to breake the design, being bound to silence. It will fit to send a veri] prudent [man of]^b no faction [to] aquaint you how [affairs goes, that ;^c] not that I distrust [the Queen, P. of Wales, Jermyn, but] some inferiour disaffected persons [to the design. If you] compose not in tyme your differences (if anie be) [you will louse your friends and party in England. Ormond and his J. Berkeley are shiped and gone to France, and that and other] newes from Ireland] hath much dejected this day [Cromwell and his party. Lord Northumberland will^d] presently gone for France ; Norfolk^e looks much to diss Wade, but all in vaine, and passionatly they desire [Northumberland [?] to meet Prince of Wales in Flanders] which is more impossible then anie thing they could desire. I have [no more] of consequence [to impair to your lordship], but well ever remaine [your Lordships servant.

London, 15th Febr^{ie}.

8. 282 TO——?

SIR,

February, 15.

That the declaration agst his Mat^{ie}^f is past the House of Commons and wilbee publike in 2 or 3 days I am confident wilbe

^a Dishington.

^b ? will be.

^c ? there.

^d ? will be.

^e ? Norwich.

^f Justifying the Vote of No Addresses.

no newes : [then what to expect is evident, yet] 'tis sayed-the King is well and merry [but what they intend you may judge by their voting the shipps for the somers' fleet the [Parliament of Englands' not his Majesty's] is the [Hollanders till they [had got] the mastery [used the King off Spaine's name. The Earle of Denbeigh's going for France is a fable ane^a I hope as false as that yee and they here are agreed which is] confidently affirme[d but not beleived]. However [they fayle not to irperse^b yee as much as] may [be. Since my last I have had twice advide^c from France] implying that they persue their interest as actively as rely on your declareing, and then] the Prince is for Holland]. Pray God, [they persue their interest as actively as they] ought. Our party here is all for yee, and] discontent[s the more then ever.] The Diurnall will tell you [publike actions, but I] speake [from men of honour and] interest [who expect] nothing [more then your presence, and then the tide will quicly turne. I have] offered [my way to France of serveing them and yee. If they comply] with [it. I shall act my part.] how[ever], in confidence [of your realty to serve our distressed King, you shall as I may have^d the weakly advice of

Your faithfulest servent

282.

Shrovetuesday

15 Feb. 1647.

The L^d Willoughby of Parham hath wisely absented himselfe a weeke since, and the declaration is come forth this day.

^a and.

^b asperse.

^c advice.

^d Perhaps "the power" is omitted.

9. EDWARD ANDREWS TO THE EARL OF LANARK.

MY LORDE,

February 20.

1648, Feb. 20.
Mar. 1.

I have here enclosed sent your Lop^p y^e cypher I promised you, which I had sooner performed if my very urgent occasions had afforded mee tyme to have composed it. As soone as I knowe that it is come safely to your hands, I shall constantly (by all opportunityes which I can lay holde on) give your Lop^p the best advertisements of such occurrences here as I can come to the knowldg of, and shall not fayle to apply my endeavours to whatsoeever may best manifest mee to bee what I really am

My lord your lop^p
moste humble
moste faithfull and
moste obedient servant

ED: ANDREWES.

Feb. the 20th, 1647.

If your Lop^p knowes mee not by this name my L^d Lauderdale well informe you.

10. JAMES FENNE TO MR. EDWARD EDGAR.^a1648, Feb. 21.
Mar. 2.Feb. 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ new stile.^b

I heare you have beene ill since yr returne, else I presume I shoulde have hearde from you in answer to some of those I have written. They saye Ormond is gon from his uncle's howse [into Ireland^c] with approbation of the Parl^t of Scotland [to comand] the armie in Ireland, Scots army.] He is a most gallant man, yeate was bredde att the feete of Gamaliel and a greate frend of Digbyes, as you may see yf you please in print,

^a See p. 4, note ^a.^b This probably does not refer to the day of the month.^c Should this be "France"? See the next letter.

therefore though the consideration bee most proper in yt selfe
 't well deserve very much caution to mingle the to physikes in
 that one prescription togeither soe equalye the chimicall maye
 not totalie overcome the safetye of the Galenistes; otherwise
 remember the olde verse *sic vos non vobis*, and prepare yr
 lodgings before hand att [Ludlow] and [Pendenis]. A greate
 deale of candor to your service maketh me saye this and noe
 private ende or consideration of my owne, therefore praye soe
 esteeme of yt. The hopes of that and the underhand propositions
 made by the [Papists in Irland] [to] the Queen, yf anything
 doe, maye retarde the [cloc^a] of the Prince in al union with
 Puritans in England.] This cometh to mee uppon noe ill
 ground, however I confess I holde faste to my former positions
 to praye for an accomodation by treaty yf yt bee possible;
 wherein you shall finde mee fixed. I have noe more now to
 saye, but to pray for yr well dooing and recoverye if there bee
 cause, not doubting youl lett mee heare shortly from you, and
 take that care of your servants they have formerly expressed
 towardes you.

1648, Feb. 21.
 Mar. 2.

JA: FEN.

11. 282 TO —————

MY EVER HONORED LORD,

[London] February 22.

1648, Feb. 22.

I have received yo^rs of the 15 and cannot but really
 acknowledge your favor [in communicating your proceedings, of
 which I shall make the best use I can to encourage our party].
 And I must as perticularly give you thankes for your resolution
 [in order to my advantage with which I am exceedingly
 satisfied.] In retorne of w^{ch} I can only say that since my
 last, it is discovered that the Marq^s of Ormond is gonue into

* *Sic.*

1648, Feb. 22. Fraunce where t'is believed that hee meetes the L^{ds} Antrim and Muskery, commissioners from Ireland to settle the Kingdome in order to his Ma^{ts} service, and 'tis reported that all parties are agreed in Ireland, and that Inchiquen is joyned in the confederacy wth them: [if so you will have more helpe then wes expected. Doubtles M. Ormond suddaine departure is not but for some good end. From France I have not] heard [lately only they heere have intercepted letters from the Queen to the Kinge, and it is reported an other letter from the D. of Yorke to his Ma^{tie} was taken implying his obedience to his father's commands of speedily getting for Scotland. Upon this 'tis said hee is to bee confined to the Tower: others say that hee, his brother and sister are to be sent to the Ile of Wight (though not to theire father) that so one guard may suffice for all. Yesterday Judge Jenkins was brought to the Comon's bar and there refused to kneele and boldly denyed theire jurisdiccion: however they intend speedily to condemne and execute him by an Ordinance, and then by this example who wilbee safe? He was exceedingly applauded by the people in his passage to and from the House. Pembroke Castle still holds out against the Army, [and all Wales expects but a faire advantage to gett out of slavery]; Plymouth likewise disputes it with them about arreares; and to stop theire mouthes 6000^l is ordered them, w^{ch} the Citty, as I am told, refuse to lend. As yett Fairfax is heere, but hath made no further entry upon the Citties priviledges, who keepe theire armes and stand on theire owne leggs. [Mr. Ashburnham and his party still hover about] in the country and sometimes in the Citty, and I heare are as much trusted [by his Ma^{tie} as ever]. Some say [they have a designe to act] some [what to cleare of all aspersions if it prove for his Ma^{ties} advantage I am sure you wish it success.]

And so

Your faithfull

humble s^rvant

282.

12. JAMES FENNE TO MR. EDWARDS EDGAR.

Feb : the 28 ? 1647.

My last weekes dispach I hope you received. I contineu
 this onely to lett you see my vigilaunce towards yr service
 and those where you ar. We heare [The Prince's resolution
 is taken without more ceremonye [to come into Scot-
 land.] Yf that bee soe w^{ch} questionless you ar best able
 to informe mee of, have a care to rivette your owne partye
 soe before hand that new men doe not interpose to the de-
 struction of the whole designe, for the same violent persons you
 knew and suffered under before, will come theyther along
 withoute dispute, but what disputes theyle make yf they maye
 have any influence upon the counsells, God knoweth. You
 see how disunion ruined us before. Yf wee ar borne to perish
 the seconde tyme by the same disease 'tis better never to doe
 any thing but bee passive in all rather then fall oute of the
 friing pan into the fire. You see my honnest plaineness is ever
 the same, I confesse I abhorre all that violent caball from my
 harte, whoe noething but studdied to hinder as accomodation
 by treatie att Oxford, w^{ch} hath brought the monarchie of both
 kingdoms to the sad posture att this present they ar in. Secure
 mee in this scruple therefore speedelye, and noething else can
 hinder all you desire from hence. In the meane tyme bee con-
 fident noe accommodation can bee made with [the Independents]
 'by [the Scots]. [The English Parliament] beginne
 now to raise great hopes to themselves from these disunions
 approaching the publick and doe not stick almost to declare
 yt. The buisness I wrote laste to you of in Ireland is all
 this tyme machinating by them both there and in France.
 They as a tribe^a meditate noething but revenge and hate the
 libertyes of the countrys, which indeede is my proper quarrell

1648, Feb. 23?
Mar. 9.

* ? that meditate.

1648, Feb. 28?
Mar. 9. to them. The Queene, letters saye from Fraunce, hath settled
the Prince's howseholde aparte from hers. My lord Gerrard is
greatly in favour with him upon Prince Rupertes score, *malum
omen futuri*, therefore I conclude as I beganne, make sure of
a counter-ballaunce, and that those persons they woulde
not have come oute of that respect, as havinge to publick sowles
bee sure they are not for that reason omitted, when they come
by waie of demanding right and justice, yf noe other capacitey :
for in this case the interest of any one private person soe
enclyned or persecuted, is the interest of the whole publick
weale, soe desiring to heare att large from you what

Youl comaund y^r humble Servant
I rest

JA: FEN.

13. EDWARD ANDREWES TO THE EARL OF LANARK.

My LORDE,

1648, Mar. 11. I have received your Lop^{ps} of ye 21st of Feb. yesterday, and
shall have great care y^t y^e enclosed bee securely conveyed to
your cozen; having this day a good opportunity. By the laste
poste I sent your Lop^p a cypher which I hope is come (ere this
tyme) to your hands. The late [—? can — on —?] well be to [—? hath] almoste rendered the Duke of York's escape] impossible: at least [for a tyme he hath engaged himself to the powers not to escape but] if in order to the necessity of having at (in the present conjunction of affayres) effected, it shall be thought expedient [to persuade him that a promise] of that prejudice [to King and himself without his father's knowledge or] consent [can not bind] him and by that means prevayle [now with D. of Y. to be willing], the way I once proposed to [you] is feseable [and unsuspected]; but it

must be yr work of a little tyme; and if your Lop^p shall thinke 1648, Mar. 13.
fitt to give it, I shall desire your oppinion concerning it. [My
way of adress to the King is yet sure and] I thinke the [one
remaining.] The business of association is very hopefull, and
I am most confident of what has been formerly promised by
some persons in the cittie be performed, which I finde will not
bee done withoute the continuance of [Scotland,] as substanciall
[assistance may thence] be relied on. I shall add noe
more for the present, but that I am my Lorde your Lop^s

moste humble and moste faithfull servant

ED. ANDREWES.

March ye 1st, 1647.

The enclosed from the [King] came hither the last week,
whilest I was in the country, but not to my hands till this even-
ing. I was not sure it was for [you], it not being mentioned
in mine whoe it was for till Mr. [Horwod] informed mee.

14. ————— ? TO THE EARL OF LANARK.

March 3.

I moght have been in great disorder as weal as other of your 1648, Mar. 13.
friends, if your letter hade not come very seasonably for to
convince the reports of those mutino[us] Scots would invade
the natione. Thanks be to the wisdome of your powerfull
army, that give them work att home. Hop of gayne and per-
ticular animositye may secure our fears, if we can be faithfull
to our pious principles, and purge the hous and army of
malignants such as [Lanerick]^a we are safe. Great industry
has^b used to Kinge party]. Be sure to mak [that] yours [con-
cerne, else yow are ruined. Argyll] will be right [when Par-

^a Is this a joke or is the right name wrongly ciphered?

^b ? has been.

1648, Mar. ¹³. liament] has [paid].^a Doe all you can to [gain England]. Mak [hast] if you expect [assistance]^b North[umberland] or other [lords] you will be deceaved. It is believed M. Harford is not vigilant [in frends]. Must be [flatterede: Church] kept humble. Carlyll co.^c is yours hartily.

March 3.

15. JAMES FENNE TO EDWARD EDGAR.

March 6, 1647.

1648, Mar. ¹⁶. I have received onely 2 letters from you with this but for the addresse I conceive M^rs Edgar never fayleth, therefore yf there bee any stoppe 'tis farther of. The papour I desired frōm you Isaye noe more of, leaving yt wholie to your discretion, as I did then: onely I beleive youl heare speedilie of the Princes remove oute of Fraunce, and then, yf the occasion present yt selfe, with his presence amongst you I presume you will recommend yr^e servants attendaunce as hee shall, when the scene varies to other partes, fayethfullie intend yr goode, and yr Brothers. The resulte of ower parliaments in Scotland plesē to write to me, with the sooner, as alsoe some opinion touching my particular, by waye of advise to the fayethfullest of your creatures

JAMES FENNE.

I consider when my freindes can not write what they would they says leaste of those particulars as remedelisse, though I am not soe wedded to my fancye as not to parte with yt very easilie neare the presence of yr judgement.

^a Argyll had money owed to him by the English Parliament, and the suggestion is that he would join the Hamiltons as soon as he received it.

^b "From" seems to be omitted.

^c The Countess of Carlisle.

16. 282 TO THE EARL OF LANARK.

MY EVER HONORED LORD,

Yours of the 29th past came safe, yett was not altogeather so full of assurance as the former though I hope by this time yee have overcome the difficulties [the Kirk gives you: otherwise I may feare wee of the Nobility may fall into the same] prejudice [all those of honour have heere by the violence of that spiritt; but I hope yee are too wise and couragious to be swayed by persons [so much your dependents]. I can say no more of that subject, but shall acquaint you with what hath lately come to my knowledge, first, from Fraunce I heare both the Queene and Prince are prepareing to quitt that kingdome, but whether they intend is not yett discoverd, only thus much the Queen intends to runne the Prince's fortune. I believe they will receive no stop there, for Mr. Ellis, a lawier of the House of Comons, is retorne theare unsatisfied, beeing sent to engage Cardⁿ Mazarini and the State to stop the Prince his journey. Those that come from Ireland report that Kingdome to bee in a manner lost to the Parliament party, and Inchequin and Sir C. Coote discontented. Heere the Houses have been busied in perfecting theire answere to your declaration, which, beeing past the Comons, was likewise on Satterday past in a full House of the Lords (being five), whereof Manchester beeing one dissented. 'Tis reported that hee, the E. of Holland and Countess of Carlisle are goeing to the Spa to avoyde the storme they have just cause to feare. The Lords have likewise sent downe to the Comons an ordinance of indempnity for all those that with the Speakers deserted the House and went to the Army, which was debated on Satterday in the Commons House, who, instead of concurring, referred it to a Committee to report on Thursday the reasons why they deserted theire charges, and 'tis thought they may rather suffer then bee acquitt, for the

1648, Mar. 17.

1648, Mar. 17. Presbyterian party carried this against them, 'tis reported likewise that the Speaker of the Commons House shalbe discharged and Mr. Grimston seated in his chaire. Theire great seale is taken out of his and Manchester's hands and disposed to the custody of the E. of Kent, Sir Tho: Widderington and Mr. Whitlocke. Upon the dispute on Satterday Martin prayed the House not to differ so much; but eyther to bee all for the King or all against him. The Army is still mutinous, and the Lief Guard so discontented as that a Reg^{ts} of Horse seeing the ill usage those had received in the manner of disbanding without money or good words, have sent to require satisfacion on their behalfe. Theereupon the disbanded are this day to attend Cromwell and to receive such satisfacion as hee hopes may please them. The Army hath lately condemned 7 souldiers for severall crimes but dare not execute them, martiall law beeing growen odious amongst them. But the news of this day, if it bee true is best of all, w^{ch} is that Morgan late Governour of Gloucester is at the head of 3000 men in that county and hath encountered some of the Army, slayne about 30, and taken above 100 prisoners. His Ma^{tie} for any thing I heere is as much a prisoner as formerly, yett it is constantly affirmed the 2 Houses endeavor and desire a treaty with him and desire hee would write to require it, but 'tis said hee refuseth except yours, and all interests may bee satisfied if they intend any such thing. 'Tis believed they will speedily bring him to Hampton Court. Besides I am assured they have underhand invited the City to peticion them for a personall treaty with his Ma^{tie} but they refuse, because thereby they may offend the Scotts who are theire freinds, and likewise incurre the danger of the votes. The City hath also refused to lend them 200000^l upon the security of Cole-pitts in the Bishopricke of Duresme, and, for anything I can heere or observe, these old freinds of theires are now totall averse from them, and theire proceedings. To conclude; [if your kirk can oppose your intentions, they will be

guilty of] perpetuall warre and division [amongst us ; whereas if yee appeare this cloud will vanish, and all of us] enjoy the hap-pines of peace w^{ch} is the prayer of

Yor' most faithfull servant
333, 57, 282, 362, 40 [?]

7th of March.

17. 409 TO THE EARL OF LANARK.

MY LORD,

I feare you forgett you have a servant in these parts or take 1648, Mar. 7.
not mee for one, otherwise I had been made happy with a more frequent receipt of your letters. [Yours to the King I have sent and shall send you an answer] shortly. [I doubt not if designe faile not] he will make [his escape and be with you] before you can hope it, soe well have I order'd the busines, as nothing but [himselfe can lett] it. What^a service I may doe you for I shall hold a constant correspondence [with him, but as] faithfull with you. Let mee understand by the impose (*sic*) how much I have attained the ambition of being

My Lord
Your Lop^{ps}
Acknowledged servant,

409.^b

March 7,
1647.

^a ? Let me know what.

^b Firebrace.



18. THE MARQUIS OF ORMOND TO THE DUKE OF HAMILTON
AND THE EARL OF LANARK [decipher].

Saint Jermins, 17th March, 1648.

1648, Mar. 17. Your Lop^s haveing perticuler and frequent intelligence from
hence I shall only remember you of some thinges were men-
tioned at our meeting more perticuler to the parte designed
for me, and first your Lop. may be pleased by the next safe con-
veyence to send heather effectuall orders to those commanding
the Scots' armie and garrisons in Irland to obay my orders as
his Ma^{ties} governor of that Kingdome, that when I have pre-
vailed for those assistances I expect from hence (where of I
have good hopes), I be not forced to delaye my goeing over
for want of soe necessary ane encouragement: in the next
place, you may please imediately to give order to yo^r forces in
Irland to give all possible safe aversion^a to Oen Oneill that if
he intend interuption to those that wee heare are well inclyned
to returne to there due obedience, he may be forced to looke
homewards. I the rather mynd yo^r Lop^s now of these perticu-
lers, for that I understand the gentleman I employed to^b is
safely with him, and that these^c concur so many good signes of
his declareing with us in the King's service if I be furnished
with what is further necessary; hasten over to you^r Lop^s most
Humble Servant.

19. JAMES FENNE TO MR. EDWARDS EDGAR.

The 12 of March, 1647.

1648, Mar. 12. Your laste to mee whereof noething was written in scypher
maketh me wonder att the forwardeness wee dayelie here the

^a Sic, ? mis-ciphered for " diversion."

^b ? Inchiquin.

^c Sic, ? "there."

affayres of [Scotland] ar in, because I præsume were the relations true in any parte I should have received some intimation from you to that effect; however yf^a the intermission of ower letters, any thing to that effect hath happened, I expect the resultes of yt first from your selfe, as beeing individuall in my respect, withoute making these addresses to others. I wrote you one very long letter, and fear that there was to much of my owne particular in yt; 'tis a faulte I can easilie mende, though againste [the Prince of Wales] take his journy. I humbly beseech you in convenient tyme to thincke of me, unless you believe the subject uncapable of the pretence; [then the passe] desired before maye be necessarye. Att leaste such a recommendation in generall to [the Queene] and [Prince of Wales] of [mee] by the Marquis of A^b[—], or whoe you have or d^{oe} thincke fitte [to sende into France]; it maye be visible to them. I am one will be avoued [in Scotland]. The Prince of Wales dott not remove this 6 weekes nor can sooner possiblē be readye. I received laste weeke to letters from him all written with his owne handes; the tenure of them being I should speedily receive orders whether to repayre unto him. [The Queen's counsayle] ar hugely devided; to of them beeing dealt with from hence and the only to ^c that have power to oppose [Scotland] all they can, and devert the [Prince of Wales] from yt. This I can assure you is truth, though I heare withall 'tis not likelie to prevayle, since the generalitye of English in France second [the Queen's] inclynation to [Scotland.] Newes here is none but that the armye and the Parliament have indemnified one another like the brothers of the Sword in the ' King and noe King,' w^{ch} was don by a publick vote of both houses. The ablest amongste them pretend to desire an accomodation, and that the King maye be restored to some moderate power again. I feare a lapwing cryeth farthest from the nest; else certainly 'tis the true interest of

^a "By" is probably omitted.

^b Antrim.

^c Two.

1648, Mar. 12.

1648, Mar. 22. both Kingdomes to accomodate this present difference speedilye,
and to applye, as you sayed, lenitives rather than corrosives. To
conclude in the worlde you have not a fayethfuller
servent then

J. FEN.

By the post cometh I beseech you lett mee heare from you.

20. ————— TO LORD LANARK.

MY LORD,

1648, Mar. 24. Sence my last to [your Lordship little of any] moment hath
passed here more then the emission of [the Parliament's]
answere to [——] papers (the woorke of [Master Nat
Feeenes]) and the impeachment of the foure Aldermen in the
Tower, whom when they could not invite to submitt to their
wayes they now will force by their authoritie and power. Their
[design] now on foot is to [adjourn the Parliament] that therby
they may be the more easily dispose [of their army and] the
other advantages. I observe [King's party] and Presbyterian
too much to apprehend this [design. No thing can hinder]
this, [but your armies march into England.] It is true Com-
missary Copley in Headsoare^a hath desired me to acquaint
[your Lordships with a bussiness of great] consequence [and it
is] this [Henry Martin] (notwithstanding all his severe speeches
and writtings [against the Scots' affairs) sente] to [Commissary
Copley] intreating him to [use his best endeavours] to recon-
cile him [to Scotland] and that [he] and [his party] (w^{ch} would
appeare for Monarchie) might be [received into that] of [Lords]
and that nothing^b w^{ch} they would not do to [destroy Cromwell
and his party] who was the falsest of mankinde; and if [Scot-
land would] give him [assurance] and countenance [his] actions

^a i.e. Hadsor.

^b ? there was nothing.

in [Parliament] he doubted not but he should [defeat Cromwell 1648, Mar. 24.
and his party]; assuring withall [he had four regiments] ready
at his [service] and indeed [that party is] at this [time very]
mutinous, and expects a faire [opportunity] to decline [Crom-
well's commands] (hearing [Fairfax's and Cromwell's] resolu-
tion is to [despatch] the chief heads and abaters^a of that partie)
and therfore [Master Copley] finding y^t [design] of so great
consequence encouraged him to persue [his design], assureing
him [that little] interest [he had in Scotland] should be heartily
employed for so good a purpose, and he doubted not to give him
a good accompt, provideing y^t he would be as constant to these
second thoughts as he had been to the first. The consideracion
of this will not be unworthie of your serious [council] and [to]
returne [your opinion what is fit to be done. Colonel Ledger is
gone to York] weell advised to [be^b the Scots party].

[Your friends in France] are much astonished y^t [they hear
nothing] both of [your] declarations [and] actions w^{ch}, as I
conceave, is the true cause y^t yow have so litle assurance of
arms and money. Otherwise [?] you need not apprehend anie
thing of inconstancie or irresolution in there counsells, but the
particulars I leave to [Captain Moyle's letter.]

It is observable that these two last dayes the Cabinet coun-
sall men are much busied and destracted in their wayes, and
men of good judgement here conceaves that, if yow have no
division amongst yourselves, they are confident this armie can
never be brought unanimous to a rendezvous to ingage against
that party which will declare for Monarchie, and thogh great
art and diligence is employed for the raiseing of money, and
much money is alreadie gathered, yet the distempers and dis-
contents of their armie are so manie that they dare not pay the
souldyers anie part of the arreares, fearing that they would
desert the service. The consideration of these and manie other

^a i.e. abettors.

^b ? be of.

1648, Mar. 24. accedents hath much encouraged all honest men of the Citie to stand constant to their resolution and nothing can make them weavre but your delayes. This is all I have to represent to you at this tyme being late and I indisposed to write. God prosper all your loyall and religious endeavours.

London, 14th March.

21. MUNGO MURRAY TO THE EARL OF LANARK.

MY LORD,

1648, Mar. 25. [The schipes that] should a ben [in Scotland] sax weekes [ago] is turned in on,^a which [com to Deipe] sax days [ago] and [Sir Williem Fleminge] is this day to be [despacht with his to] Scotland. Ther [comes letters and reports dayly heir that putes us in grēate fears,] bot the Queen and Prince [ar much] cher-faler^b [sinc Mageer Rutharfourde's [cuminge. The Prince] is altogethir sete [for goinge to Scotlande.] The Irish makes [great profers and wolde have] the [Prince to thar.]^c Mr. [Ashburnham the clarge^d of Englande] ar joynd with all their pouer to make some reconciliatiōn [betwixte the Kinge and ermye] and at least if you should enter England with an erme,^e it is beleved [that will] bringe the Kinge upon thade] of thars^f and doe all thinges [in hes nem^g] to deceaue [the peipil.] The French [wiris^h of us.] God grante by his power you may be the maine instrument of reestablishinge the Kinge and his posterity and recoveringe your cuntrie's honor. It shall be my stude to express myself yor to

faithful and humbel servant.

March the 25, 1648.

^a i.e. returned in one.

^b Cheerfuller.

^c ? to go there.

^d i.e. the clergy.

^e i.e. an army.

^f ? the head of theirs.

^g i.e. name.

^h Wearies.

22. LD. JERMYN? TO THE EARL OF LANARK? [decipher.]

MY LORD,

Give me libertie to add some thing besids what is newes 1648, Mar. $\frac{15}{25}$.
 wreten to you by my lord Leitutenants, w^{ch} is that you wilbe pleased to take care and soe give order that the Scotish forces in Ireland, by there corespondence with Oen Oneill, and those of the Irish forces lying next to them give not him or those forces, such assurances of securerie as maye leave them at libertie to drawe there forces towards the southerne countries of Irland, to molest those of the Irish there that are better affected to joyn in the service now designed for the King. Oen Oneill being jelous of the other Irish forces is resolved to drawe his forces towards them, w^{ch} wilbe a great interruption to the service if some course be not in that case taken by the Scots to use a diversione, w^{ch} I presume maye be done with such wariness as it neid not at all indanger the Scotish partie. The bearer S^r William Fleming goeth hence soe full of the knowledge of all affaires here, he being also desired by Marq^s Ormond to speake perticulerly with you of all concerning your owne 98. 4. and those of 166 Countie, in relation therunto, that I need not at this time be any further troublesome to yow with any other relations then such as he is able and authorised to make onto yo^r Lo^p. The Queen and Prince of Wales and all that are considerable there^a have placed ther confidence in yow and the Duck Hamilton, though these want not those here that wold doe yow prejudice and laye hould on Marq^s representations from some freinds of yours out of Scotland. But upon my lyffe, they have no poure to begett any mistrust of yo^r affections: this I imparte only to yo^r Lo^p.

From yo^r Lo^ps most
 faithfull and
 humble servant.

^a Sic, ? here.

23. 143 TO THE EARL OF LANARK.

MY LORD,

1648, Mar.

Your Lop^{ps} of y^e 7th of March is come to mee^a; the enclosed I shall deliver as soone as I can finde him to whome it [is] directed, w^{ch} yet I cannot, but am in hope I shall tyme enough, that he may give your Lop^p an accounte of the receipt of it himself. 624 tolde me that I sent you from 571 was for your Lop^p. I have fownde means to [have private conference with the Duke of York], whoe is resolved notwithstanding [503 his engagement to Parliament willing. I tolde him he] cowld [onder^b not make] any ingagement [in a bussines of] soe publique concernment in [relation both to K. and Kdms without his fathere's] consent. If [King come in and him which he conceaves will absolve him from his pro]mise, to which you will I hope finde 617 [safty don. Shortly the designe of 622^c crowning in case there be a necessity [that monachi[i] call govern]ment [must] continue, is freshly thought upone; this for the present is all I shall trowble your Lop^p with, being

My Lorde, Your Lop^{ps}

Moste humble and

most faithfull servant

143.

24. EARL OF LANARK TO D^r A. FRASER.

SIR,

Edinburgh, April 12.

1648, Apr. 12. Upon Munday last I received yours of the 4th of this month. My hopes that this expresse will come sooner to you than the

^a ? Bamfield.

^b Under age.

^c ? The Duke of Gloucester.

ordinary post kepted mee from writing to you by it last night. 1648, Apr. 12.
I finde you have been informed of my sicknesse. One day I confesse it overcame me, but noe more, and I hope you shall sooner hear of my death then that I shall be soe keeped from performing of my dutyes at this time; yet before you hear of either, I despaire not but you will finde that the prophetick Lord whose prudence and asiatique eloquence you soe much admire may be mistaken; for all that hetherto hath been done [in the House of Lords^a] hath been carryed in dispight of] Argyle and will be sce still, if good be done at all, for yesterday^b it was voted in Parliament that all the articles of the covenant were highly broken in the sight of God, Angells, and men; and many articles of the treaties were violated three demands to the Houses of Parliament wer concluded upon. The first concerning the coven[an]t and religion, the establishing of Presbyteriall Governm[ent], and against toleration: the second that his Ma^{tie} may come to some of his houses in or neere London with honour freedom and safety, where the Parliaments of both Kingdomes may make their applications to him for settling a religious and well grounded peace. The third is that to the end all the members of both Houses who have been faithfull in this cause may with safety returne and attend their charges, the Parliament may sitt and vot in freedome and safety. Both kingdomes without interruption may make their applications to his Ma^{tie}, and the settling of Religion and Peace be not longer hindered or obstructed. The present army under the command of Thomas Lord Fairfax of Cameron may be disbanded. To all these and all the disputes concerning them only Argyle and Cassillis, Wariston and L. of B. were dissenting. Balmerino and diverse others of that party were ashamed of their impertinent opposition and voyced with us. Traquar and Calander

^a There must be a mistake here. One would expect Parliament to be indicated.

^b April 11, *Acts of Parl. of Scotl.*, vol. vi. part ii. 23.

1648, Apr. 12. were not soe much as present at the debates soe as what is done is carried against the one and without the assistance of the other party. You may possibly think our demands concerning religion impertinent: I doe soe too. Yet certainly they are most necessary at this time and the more unreasonable the better, for then wee are sure to have them denyed and without a pretext of religiou it is impossible to engage this Kingdom. Before these demands be sent which we most resent, the orders is to be passed and sent through the country for [puting] (which is only to be by a messenger who is to have a time limited to him for his returne) [the Kingdome in a pistur^a of defence] and to be ready to march as they shall be commandēd. This wee are to-morrow to resolve upon in Parl^t, together with ane answe to eight demands presented to us by the Commissioners of the Kirk, wherein wee have resolved to goe a very extraordinary length to give them satisfacion. [Yet we know it to be] impossible, [and so will be free to] proceed to our dutyes [without them], wherin I confesse we make but a very dull and lazie progresse; yet this last week hath sett us now [soe] agoeing, as nothing but [the Parliament's granting] Lords a treaty [can preventt our enga[g]ment though] it will yet take a long time ere [we can be ready to march with] an [army,] but believe it, that nothing imaginable is left undone by [some of us.]

25. ————— TO JAMES GIBSON.^b

Sr

April 24.

1648, Apr. 24.
May 4. I was made believe that your servant who brought me the last favour from you was to returne so suddenlie that I could scarslie give you thanks for it, butt I finde his stay to be now such that I may give you a further trouble, for certainlie all

^a for "posture."

^b ? Lanark.

1648, Apr. 24.
May 4.

that ever I can say may justli have that title though you-are still pleased to bee more civill then to forbid it me. Itt is much rejoicing to your servant that you so perfectlie overcome all difficulties of health as those of bussnesse, for what can sucede happylie ever to us, I am certaine comes from your care. The greatest part of honest persons, beleeve now bussnesse in all placis in a reasonable good condition so doth I am confident 301; for I spoke with one that saw how very merrie too daies since those that have the kindnessse 306 hath to 313 have faith enough to thinck they 195 bee 164, but generally people are afraid of examination 55 was afraid 702 would nott [?] 239 strictly presse a conscience to it, therfore lett it bee forgotten. If you doe nott 258, 552, 37, to 932, 275, 98 this king [?] domes affaire without 285 healpe (heere they make that busenesse nothing) 315 said it would bee but tou daie more trouable, butt one of the chiefe men of their parts told 185, 260, 258, 134, 279, 62 his strength 271, 202, 65, 253, 98, 66, 265 against 264 they were so united and resolved there is yett no certaintie abroad of what the Dukes though sometime they said it was gone 80, 284. I shall wish all they may contribute to the 30, 142, 17 of 258, 301 glorie 205, 258, 312, there is some thing this day discovered that much incensess 258, 97 which I know you will have a bettre relation of the from 306. Wee expect every day 86, 193 now that 284, 138^a done her no good. I shall hope to live to see 284 to understand that affaire, and confirme you much more my beeing

Y^r constant

humble servant.

^a ? hath.

26. THOMAS HOWTON TO ————— ?

SIR,

1648, May 1^o.

We are here about nine score officers and gentlemen of quality mounted and very nere an 100 gents on foote. There are comminge out of the countrey good store of foote (as the gentlemen promise) but most part unarm'd. We make use of the townesmen for ordinary guardes, and places confidents of our owne upon all places of consequence, but we rely upon our owne selves, for w^{ch} purpose we for the most part of us are togeather all the night either in the streete or in some place convenient to be in readinesse upon all occasions. We want armes exceedingly, here being divers breaches that will require fire armes. I thanke yow for your infinite favours to me, and to the messenger that brought yow the newes. Be confident whatsoever is in my power shall conduce to your interest. I have herewith sent the cipher desired, and begge your pardon for this plaine expression of myselfe, it beinge your commande shall be obeied by

Your most humble servant

THOMAS HOWTON.

Berwicke,

30 Aprill, 1648.

It is reported the post that brought the pacquett was staied at Belfourd or Morpeth, and sent bakke to Newcastle. If it had comed hether it should have passed. Sir Will. Selby is in this towne come that day we came hither from Sir Arthur Heselrigge, to whome he promised to secure this towne from the cavaliers. M^r Maior brought me the commissioners' letter to desire him to be carefull of the towns accordinge to the treaty and to hinder the cavaliers from the surprizall therof. He returned them noe answere, as he afirmes.

27. 282 TO THE EARL OF LANARK.

MY EVER HONORED LORD

Although this possibly may miscarry and fall into the hands ^{1648, May 1st.} of Sir Arthur,^a yett hee shall not find any thing to please him, because the successe of loyall undertakeings are every day more visible, nor shall I repeat what wee heare from our freinds in the north, because they are better knownen there,—but shall assure you that our friends in Wales are still prosperous; that they have taken the Towne and Castle of Cardiffe, the most considerable in those partes; that North Wales hath associated with them and intend speedily to appeare, into w^{ch} associacion the Marches of Wales and Staffordshire are said to bee included, and the Lord Byron is reported to bee on foote in Lancashire, with a good body of horse, intending to assist the Welsh. It is most certaine that Cromwell was advanced as far as Abingdon ag^t these with 5000 horse and foote and a trayne of 9 peeces: some say hee is by this time at Gloucester,^b but the generall rumor is that hee is privately retorne, haveing in a mutiny of his forces about Abingdon killed 2 or 3 of his souldiers, who notwithstanding have seysed on his artillery and amunicion and declared ag^t him (wee say for the King.) 'Tis most certaine his forces are mutinous enough: yesterday the general sent againe to have the 2 Regiments drawnen from Whitehall and the Mews who have the same spiritt of disobedience and say they will not march. From the West I here that Bristoll is staggering, that Plymouth hath not accepted a garrison, and that Pendennis is not yett delivered; but this is certaine the Cornish are highly discontented, because at this time S^r H. Waller is disarめing and

^a i.e. Sir Arthur Hazlerigg, Governor of Newcastle.

^b Cromwell reviewed his forces at Gloucester on May 8.

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secureing all those hee cannot bee confident of. Thus much for the matter of war; as for peace the Houses yett cannot find the way to it, yett Marten on Thursday sayed that hitherto hee had been ag^t the King, but because they would have one hee was contented, as seeing no possibility to bee governed without one, and therefore hee proposed that, although they had very hardly used both the King and his party, yett that they might joyne to restore them, and not to submitt to the Scotts, who would ruine them all. This part as from him, and nothing was donne upon it. That day the Essex petition was brought through London by at least 2000 horse and foote, who were, as they passed, received with infinite expressions of joy by the Citty, but theire answere at Westminster was not so acceptable, as you will find in the printed relation, which have so exasperated them as they have forced the E. of Warwick to signe warrants to put them all in a posture of defence ag^t this day seavennight: besides the whole county is resolved to pay no more excise, taxes, or free q[uarter]. Theire neighbours of Norff. and Suff. are following theire example. On Friday and Satterday the Houses were busy about raiseing of new forces, and putting the Kingdome into a posture, and yett they voted they would mainteyne the union betweene the 2 Kingdomes and the Covenant, and send againe the proposicions delivered the King at Hampton Court, but did not name the King or any addresse or personall treaty with him. Yesterday I heare they voted that theire Generall shall have authority to levy men and money at his pleasure for the defence of the Kingdome and Parliament, a power they never thought fitt to bee in the King or consistent with the safety of the people. To conclude they heere make a shew of complyance wth yee, but feare nothing more then a treaty with the King (& w^{ch} is your second proposicion) and intend nothing lesse. Therefore the [more active yee are espetially with an army, the more yee will shew your] affection [to his Ma^{tie} and his cause and if] a treaty ensue [make yours and his

conditions] the better. If the present distractions should hinder 1648, May ⁹₁₉. future entercourse, yett I desire still to bee esteemed

Your most faithfull and
obliged servant

282.

9 May 1648.

It were only the Lords that yesterday voted the Generall the power, but not concurred to by the Comons, and this day the Comons have voted the Citty to have theire Militia and to place the L^t of the Tower.

28. MUNGO MURRAY TO THE EARL OF LANARK.

MY LORD,

Paris, the 30 of May.

I have litell to say to your Lo. bot what I have wreten in my 1648, May ²₃. formar and partecularly in my last 3 befor the [last weeks newes. Wee] wer exalted [but, upon that blow the Welch got, we were humbled a litel; at this day's news upp againe]. The Prince is unexpresably disirous of himself and unpascient to [be amonges you]; for the Queen and hee ar heir [soliciting for moneys;] for what was [assaynd to the Queen] the French has [disposed]. The lousinge of Cutrie^a is a great hindrance, and the discontentes of the peipell increases. I [belive S^r William Fleminge] his [dispach will not be so soon as you expect] for we are heir of a slow mosion. Late nothinge retarde yow from that greate and nobell worke in preserveinge and delayveringe your king and your nation and famalay. [Let nothing hinder Lord Duke from] beinge [Generall], altho ther be sume [rubes] cast in heir from whence[sover.] It is thought

^a Courtrai.

1648, May 20

that this sursesion in Irlande will contributeut mouch to the good
woorke in hande. The [Leiutenant of Ierland grows impasient
at ther delayes and so at] the Welch. I shall thinke myself
hape in resevinge your Lo. commandes for I am sincerlay

Your Lo. faithfull
and humbel servant.

Lat this present my most humbal service to my Lo. Tre-
sorour by S^r William Fleminge. I will wret to his Lo.

29. ————— TO —————.

SIR,

1648, May 27.
June 6.

Upon the returne of 193, and that I feare all 154 misfortunes
157, 3, 3, were concluded to bee altogether 81, 302 action 306
was so much concerned that 155 resolved to begg the favour of
knowing some thing in that affaire, for it is impossible 306 can
beleeve 284, 244, 98, 66, 265, 239, 267 handsomely as 303
would make it appeare 253, 185. I confesse it might be likely
enough to have it in 284 power to revenge some little pretended
injury and that I could consent to, butt to act against that
honour 302 hath more then all the world beside 155, 243, 20,
creditt, but from 285, 49, 233, 726. I believe it never in their
powers to doe 284 any discourcesie if it were 306 cannot think
303 worthy of any friendship if they could but imagine those
unworthinesses, it is a great wisdom to trie many more then
trust, therefore 155 beseech 302 to put 306 kindness to the touch-
stone by some sense that 284 may see how greedily 155 should
imbrace death to serve 362 in. I am sory this must bee with
you before they can bee any certain account given of what wee doe
in Kent, the expresse that the [Parliament] had yesterday 118, 261
commissioners 277 286, to declare nothing that I can heare, but
of an answeare given you which they much boast of as a perfect

victorie over all that hath bin given in against them. They make very inconsiderable both what you can doe or say, though I believe they will nott have so much occasion to brag before you leave them. They thinck Lambert enough to destroy you all, therfore the General is hastening with his strength to the Kentish men. They have already maid good to Deepford and taken some troupes of the Parliaments take all horses who^a they can get of that side prisoners. They have force enough butt there is yett no head declarde they sollicit much 310. Gentlemen are fearfull of engaging before that appeare. The Cittie hath made a new promises of fidelitie to [the Parliament]; butt their [Mayor] tolde the House thathee could nott finde there would tow men goe out of a ward, therfore they were best to keep those in towne of the armie that they had ordered to remove. They sent out five hundred horse last night, butt they deard goe no further then Southwarke. It is thought whatsoever the masters consent to, the apprentices will bee in a body on Tuesday, the day for Kent, almost twenty thousand. It is beleeved by many that part of 284, 151, 77, some 253, 261, allready. Certainly there can be no such opertunitie as 259 if 312, 82 ready; for 258, 254, 146, 1324, 50, will bee drawne most 259, 272. There may be little appearances of our doeing good amongst ourselfes; but 186 hopes 72, 157, 258, 312, therfor lett them nott deceive any that beleeves well of them. You will have by many I doubt nott the story of the Prince of Kent.^b It hath discovered a great affection of the people; for the Lo. Thanett that was the first man desired to command in that countrey and brought up the relation of the affaires there, hee professed the multitudes were so great to see the thinge that cailed himselfe Prince of Wales; that the House was in a possibilite of beeing pulled downe by crowding. Hee hath gotten many presents of gold and rich clothes, if hee can now make an escape with them. I have some occasion to keep me a little in towne, though I cannot beleeve

1648, May 27.
June 6.

^a ? "They take all horses and who."

^b An impostor had personated the Prince of Wales.

1648, May 27. my selfe very secure hear. 316 hath left the towne with all his familie and ventured towards your quarter. There is only to encourage me 303 and 313 whose feares are great enough; butt they are in phisick and cannot yett goe out of towne, or otherwise they would daylie pray the Almighty to preserve 302 that 155 may live.

Your constant
humble servant

320.

May 27.

30. 450 TO ? THE DUKE OF HAMILTON.

MI LOR^D

1648, May 27. you will perceave the accompt of that hath passed since Sir Will Fleamings and Will Murray's arrivall is remitted to the next occasion. I am too full of the sense I have of the honour you have donne mee to use y^t method, and I will keep the same as long as I live, not to let any one occasion escape mee that may shew you with how much care I will bring on my part all that shall invite you to continue it. I think it not irregular to publick considerations that you should know you may dispose of mee with all authority, nor nothing more agreeable to truth and justice then that you should bee confident of it, [and so had as much contentment in the vowd] assurances they [receaved of your affections as you can have] in the demonstrations; [and will be no lesse careful in their] acknowledgments then you have been to [oblidge them]. There will be occasion now of saying much to you daily, but I will not expect from you you should take the trouble of writing, you love it not. My lo. Lanerick will ease you therein. I have advised with Doctor Baylye, and shall referre you to him for my behavoir in that busines. I will

* i.e. Lauderdale.

now adde noe more but intreat yow to beleive yt I am with 1648, May 27.
unfeined zeal and truth most perfectly June 6.

98, 412, 94, 236, 29, 18, 116, 62,
47, 290 most obedient faithfull
servant 28, 450.

31. MUNGO MURRAY TO THE EARL OF LANARK.

My Lo.

Julay the 6, 1648.

My intensions was to a cum'd^a in this shipe my self [a purpos to a seine you, bot Hay croste in it — [?] as in moste things I intend.] The Prince gos from this on Thursday next the 9 of this month. The first night he was with the Prince of Counte^b the Prince of Conde's brother who hes invayted him, for his hous lays on the way to Calles. [My Lord German sal go to Cales with him and to Holand] and I am confident he wil — [?] deliver him into our hands. It is mouch fearde by sum heir that the Prince wil say [?] Lo. Gerr.^c tales^d then he intendes. The shipes and all the Kinges counsall that ar in France ar to meete the Prince at Cales. Prince Rupert gos with him, and is to continew Generall as befor. I have harde nothing from Sir William Fleminge since he went from hence, but I am tould heir that they beleive he is in Scotland before this. [My Lord Newcastle is disconted^e heir — ?^f can nether get mone nor comision. It's belived he is to greate a freind to the Scotes,— and I have more then reson to beleive [that Sir Mermdeuke Langedel wil — [?] hand the design. I have reseved bot on letter from your Lo^p since Sir William Flemminges cumming heir. Ther hes not on weeke escapte me that I have not wreten to you Lo : this in heart which I shall ever be so to expres my self your Lo. fathfull and humbell servant.

^a Have come.

^b Conti.

^c ? Gerard.

^d Tell him more tales.

^e Discontented.

^f The cipher reads t s d.

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